

LEHI LEDGER

February 2023



Happy Friendship Day

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In late 2009, my husband and I packed up everything we owned into four suitcases and moved halfway across the world to his home country of Finland. We had not yet had our babies, and we were both fresh graduates of Brigham Young University. The States had treated him so well, and I wanted to try my hand at a Scandinavian lifestyle. At that time, the downturn of the economy bore little weight on our minds or hearts. We were already poor college students, and we

and we simply had nothing to lose.

My first months in Finland were memorable. The scenery is breathtaking, the culture is intoxicating, and the people are some of the most organized, laid back individuals I have ever met. It seemed as though I was learning something new every single day.

One of my favorite holidays, that I had the opportunity to experience, is called, Ystävänpäivä. The word translates to “Friendship Day” and is celebrated on Valentine’s Day on February 14. However, instead of the day focusing on romance, crushes, and couples, Ystävänpäivä celebrates the friends of past, present, and future.

Finns use the day as a time to meet new neighbors, share flowers and treats with old and new coworkers, and celebrate their family and loved ones. As a new immigrant to the country, it was a day that allowed me to step outside my insecurity of not fully speaking the language, and to simply meet people. To this day, I am still in contact with a few



friends I met on Ystävänpäivä, and I cherish the circumstances in how we met.

According to a 2022 census, the average age in Lehi is 25.5 years of age, and the city itself has more than doubled since 2002. This data would indicate that Lehi has a lot of young, new individuals/ families moving within its borders within a short period of time. Young families that might not be familiar with Lehi’s traditions and culture. Individuals that are trying to charter their own lives, but might feel ungrounded with the large amount of newness from moving in. For me, it’s all too familiar. The excitement and uneasiness of being in a new place is very bittersweet.

This February, I would encourage the residents of Lehi to participate in the Finnish tradition of Ystävänpäivä. Make it a day to have an excuse to meet a new neighbor/coworker, or rekindle a friendship that may have been put on the back burner for a few years. A nursery rhyme that I grew up reciting states, “Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold.”

Hyvää Ystävänpäivää Lehi
(Happy Friendship Day Lehi)

-Katie Koivisto

City Information

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Library

Encouraging lifelong learning!

Library Gala 2023

Mayor Mark Johnson and the Lehi Library Board of Trustees invite you to join us for the 2023 Lehi Library Gala fundraiser. It will be held on February 10, 2023 at 7 p.m. at Willowcreek Middle School. (2275 W. 300 N.) The evening will feature comedian Steve Soelberg. Tickets are \$18/person and can be purchased online through the Library website. All proceeds benefit the Frances M. Comer Perpetual Fund. Scan the QR code below for tickets.



Winter Puppet Shows coming soon!

February 28-March 2

*Registration will open on Monday February 27 on our website.

Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-8 p.m.
and Friday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Closed Sundays and the last Saturday of each month

Come in and browse or use our curbside pick-up!

For more information, please visit our website

www.lehi-ut.gov/library



Literacy Center

Our Winter/Spring ABC Session began last month and will run through May 10 & 11, 2023. Our next ABC Session will be Fall of 2023. Classes are 2 hours twice a week, Mon/Wed OR Tues/Thurs from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eligible students for our Fall Session must be 4 years old as of September 1, 2023. Students may only attend one session of our ABC program.

Our current Winter After-School Reading & Math session continues until February 23, 2023. Registration for our Spring After-School Session will be March 1 & 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Lehi Literacy Center. This session runs March 15 through May 18, 2023. Our after-school programs offer reading and math classes for Lehi students in K - 4th grade. Classes are 45 minutes, twice a week, either Mon/Wed OR Tues/Thurs. Class times are 3 p.m., 4 p.m., & 5 p.m.

Dates To Remember:

February 20 & 21 Presidents Day - No Classes (LC Closed 21st)

February 22 & 23 Winter After-School Classes Last Day

For updates and information visit:

www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/literacy/

www.facebook.com/LehiLiteracyCenter



Helping save lives on and off the job.

BLOOD DRIVE

Lehi City Police Department

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Noon – 6 pm

128 No 100 East, Lehi

Scan for an appointment



For information contact Chad Ray @cray@lehi-ut.gov

We need you we appreciate you and most of all we thank you!



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Senior Center

News & Updates:

Check out the Lehi Senior Center webpage online www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/seniors/ or visit our Facebook page [@LehiSeniorCenter](https://www.facebook.com/LehiSeniorCenter) to see details about meals, events, and our newsletter.

Weekly Classes:

Monday: Tai Chi 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Crochet Cub 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday: Bingo 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Watercolor 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Winning Wednesday Drawing

Friday: Line Dance 10 a.m.

Friday: Bingo 11:30 a.m.

Daily Lunches (Monday-Friday):

Inside meals available with required reservations. Call 385-201-1065 and leave a message. A \$3 donation per meal is encouraged. Lunch served at noon.

Special Events and Activities:

February 8 – BUNCO Bash. A fun, easy game with dice. In-person at the Senior Center. Starts at 12:30 p.m.

February 13 - Monday Movie Mania: "The Lost Valentine," at the Senior Center starting at 12:30 p.m. A small bag of popcorn or treat will be served during the movie.

February 14 - "Cupid Craze," Come for lunch and decorate cookies with us. Starts after lunch. Must sign up by Friday, February 10.

February 20- Lehi Senior Center closed in observance of Presidents day and not lunches will be served this day.

February 23 - Bean Museum and Creamery. Dinner is pay your own. Must sign up by February 20.

February 24 - Birthday Celebration, we'll have a small birthday celebration for all those who had a birthday during the month.



Lehi City February Events

2/9

Planning Commission
7 p.m. @ City Hall

2/10

Library Gala
7 p.m. @ Willowcreek Middle

2/14

City Council Meeting
7 p.m. @ City Hall

2/23

Planning Commission
7 p.m. @ City Hall

2/28

City Council Meeting
7 p.m. @ City Hall

Lehi City Cultural Organization Grant

The Lehi City Cultural Organization Grant applications will be opening on February 13! Cultural organization grants are funded by the Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Cultural (PARC) tax. A portion of the PARC funding will go towards the operations of non-profit cultural or arts organizations through these grants.

For more information on applying for cultural organization grants or our upcoming workshop on March 16, please visit www.lehi-ut.gov/cultural-org-grants/

RECREATION NEWS

We have lots of exciting activities happening this Winter!
Don't miss out!

***Even though it is winter, the Aquatics Center is warm and busy!
We are offering swimming lessons, lifeguard classes, and WSI classes.
See the schedule below!***

Winter Swimming Lessons

Youth Swim Lessons

Session 2 February 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16

Session 3 March 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16

Session 4 April 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20

Session 5 May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (55-minute classes)

Fee: Lehi Res. \$39; Non-Res. \$59

Lifeguard Classes

Class 1 January 30, 31, February 1-4, 6-10

Class 2 March 6-11, 13-17

Class 3 April 3-8

Fee: \$205

Water Safety Instructor Class

April 17-21, 24-28

Registration starts March 19, 2022

Fee: \$185

Scrapbooking, Crafting and More!

Bring your photos and scrapbooking supplies, crafting materials, and anything else you need to finally get those projects done! Gather your friends and family and get ready to have fun!

Fee: Friday Only Res.- \$28; Non-Res.- \$34

Saturday Only Res.-\$28; Non-Res.- \$34

Fee: Both Days Res. -\$38; Non-Res.- \$46

Price includes space to work, one craft provided by us, use of our supplies (see flyer for details), plus dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday and prizes from our fantastic sponsor, UFirst Credit Union.

Programs Registering NOW!

Adult Gun Safety Course, Babysitters Course, Cheer, Dance, First Aid & CPR, Gymnastics, Itty Bitty All Ball, Martial Arts, Preschool, Safety on Wheels Fair, Scrapbooking, Crafting and More, and Swimming Lessons

Sports Registering NOW!

Co-Ed Volleyball, Girls Softball, Indoor Soccer, Machine Pitch, Spring Outdoor Soccer, Spring Wrestling, T-Ball/Coach Pitch, and Track & Field



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